



Press Release

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On: TEXAS WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT
FROM LAST YEAR
MOHAIR PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . .The number of sheep and lambs shorn were slightly lower than a year ago, but average fleece weights were equal to 2004. Mohair production decreased as the average clip per goat was down from last year.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, wool production totaled 5.55 million pounds during 2005, 1 percent below the previous year's total. Texas producers sheared 800,000 sheep and lambs during the year, 1 percent lower than 2004. The average fleece weight was 6.9 pounds, unchanged from last year.

Total value of the state's wool production was down 7 percent from the previous year to 5.33 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$0.96, down 6 percent from the average for 2004.

Texas mohair production during 2005 totaled 1.47 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Producers clipped 210,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 7.0 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped was the same as the previous year, while the average clip weight was down 9 percent from 2004.

Value of the state's mohair production was 4.41 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$3.00, compared with the \$2.10 average a year earlier. The higher average price is reflective of the larger percentage of kid hair being sold at a higher price.

United States shorn wool production during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2005 totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.3 pounds per head down 1 percent from 2004.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was \$0.71 per pound, for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.

Mohair production during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2004. Goats and kids clipped, at 273,000 head, were up less than 1 percent from 2004. Average weight per clip at 6.7 pounds, was down 7 percent from 2004. Value of mohair production was 5.1 million dollars, up 32 percent from 2004.